

CLEAN VERSION**IN THE TITLE:**

Kindly cancel the present title and substitute: **ELECTRIC VACUUM
CLEANER HAVING EXHAUST AIR RETURN FEATURE.**


IN THE DRAWING:

Applicant kindly acknowledged Examiners's comments on the drawings. The specification has been amended to make the necessary corrections.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Kindly amend and replace the paragraph from line 23, page 8 to page 9, line 6, as follows:



Referring now also to Fig. 18, on the other end of first extension pipe 40 (on the side connecting with second extension pipe 41), a clamp 46 similar to clamp 37 of handle pipe 33 connects first extension pipe 40 to second extension pipe 41. A cover 40a is attached unitarily on the outer surface on the side of suction tube part 42. A pushing part 47, or push button, on one end of clamp 46 is exposed through an opening shown at the upper surface of cover 40a. A hook 48 on the other end of clamp 46 is spring-biased inward into its normally locking position with a latching depression 53, as shown in Fig. 18. Pushing part 47 is pivoted by the user by pressing on pushing part 47 to lever hook 48 upward out of engagement with latching depression 53.

Kindly amend and replace the second full para. on page 12, line 11, as follows:

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Pivoting pipe 75 allows for pivoting vertical movement with respect to suction tool body 57. Pivoting pipe 75 forms a suction pipe part 76 that is continuous from the end that is connected to a connection pipe 79 (described later) to the other end that is sandwiched by suction tool body 57. An exhaust channel 77 coincides with an exhaust path 81 of connection pipe 79 (described later) on an outer perimeter part of suction pipe part 76 on one end of pivoting pipe 75.

Kindly amend and replace the third full para. on page 12, line 17, as follows:

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Hollow shaft 78 is formed on the other end of pivoting pipe 75 in communication with exhaust channel 77. By having shaft 78 pivotably supported by axle supporting parts 66, 66 of upper case 55 and lower case 56, exhaust channel 77 of pivoting pipe 75 and exhaust space 67 of suction tool body 57 are in communication.

Kindly amend and replace the para. from line 22, page 12 to line 2 page 13, as follows:

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Connection pipe 79 is connected to pivoting pipe 75 in a manner allowing for pivoting in the circumferential direction. Connection pipe 79 is constructed from a suction path 80 that communicates with suction pipe part 76 of pivoting pipe 75 and an exhaust path 81. Exhaust path 81 is formed unitarily on the outer perimeter of suction path 80 in communication with exhaust tube part 45 of second extension pipe 41. A cover member 82, fitted on a lower portion of connection pipe 79, forms a part of exhaust path 81.

Kindly amend and replace the third full para. from page 13, line 13, as follows:

Referring now to Figs. 9 and 10, terminals 106 are affixed on the upper surface of connection pipe 75 on the side with second extension pipe 41. Feeder lines 107 have one end connected to terminals 106. A connector 108, connected to the other end of feeder lines 107, is affixed to control board 105. Feeder lines 107 pass through exhaust channel 77, hollow shaft 78, and exhaust space 67 to reach control board 105. To prevent breaking of wire due to pivoting of pivoting pipe 75 and connection pipe 79, feeder lines 107 are wired with more slack than the distance that pivoting pipe 75 and connection pipe 79 pivot.